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In re Application of
Reddy et al.
Application No. 09/434,196
Filed: November 4, 1999
Attorney Docket No. A-64077-2/467135-
00156/RFT/NBC

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed August 19, 2002, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

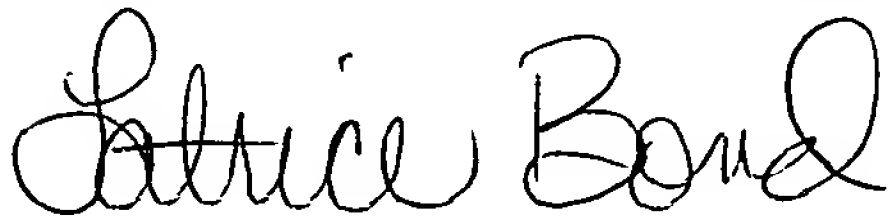
The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed December 18, 2001, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on March 19, 2002.

The two-month period for filing an appeal brief in triplicate (accompanied by the fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)), runs from the date of this decision.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S., 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Accordingly, since the \$460 extension of time submitted with the petition on August 19, 2002 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Latrice Bond at (703) 308-6911.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 1636 for further processing.

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